

ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

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An information remote monitor (IRM) is implemented to collect medical device data locally in a patient's home for transmission to a remote location. Specifically, the IRM integrates data from an external pressure reference (EPR) and an implanted medical device (IMD), preferably the Chronicle®, for remote transmission to a server or a clinical center for follow-up, monitoring and evaluation. The IRM utilizes wireless telemetry to downlink to the IMD and directly engages the EPR to download barometric pressure data to correct cardiac pressure readings from the Chronicle® or IMD. The IRM may be connected serially to a PC and the PC may control the functions of the IRM. In the alternate, the PC may be used to transfer data from the IRM, through a Web-enabled network system, to a server or a remote location. The IRM utilizes an integral modem to dial a server and transfer patient data via FTP, PPP and TC/PIP protocols.

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The IRM includes ergonomic shapes and features adapted for home use including a highly simplified and illustrative user interface that enables the patient to easily operate the device to successfully transfer medical data as needed.